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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

MEYNARD, OLIVIER

Examiner

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 July 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-6,8-17 and 20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-6,8-17 and 20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

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Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Specification

1. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

2. The specification is objected to under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to support the subject matter set forth in the claims. The specification, as originally filed does not provide support for the invention as now claimed.

3. The test to be applied under the written description portion of 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, is whether the disclosure of the application as originally filed reasonably conveys to the artisan that the inventor had possession at that time of later claimed subject matter. Vas-Cat, Inc. v. Mahurkar, 935 F. 2d 1555, 1565, 19 USPQ2d 111, 1118 (Fed. Cir. 1991), reh'rg denied (Fed. Cir. July 8, 1991) and reh'rg. en banc, denied (Fed. Cir. July 29, 1991).

4. Claim 20 includes the limitation “in response to an increase in the instantaneous power consumed inside the integrated circuit, supplying power from an internal inductance in the integrated circuit before additional power is provided by the voltage regulator.” However, the specification does not provide an enabling disclosure to support the claimed step of “in response to an increase in the instantaneous power consumed inside the integrated circuit, supplying

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power from an internal inductance in the integrated circuit before additional power is provided by the voltage regulator.”

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

5. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

6. Claim 20 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. In particular, claim 20 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, for the reasons set forth in the objection to the specification.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

7. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

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8. Claims 1, 3-6 and 8-17, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Georgiou et al, US. pat. No. 6,047,248.

9. Claim 1, Georgiou teaches a process for regulating voltage applied by a voltage regulator [*voltage regulator 330 of Fig. 1*] to an integrated circuit that includes at least two units [*IC 100 of Fig. 1*], comprising:

measuring instantaneous power consumption inside of the integrated circuit by sensing power consumption [*using thermal sensors 119 of Fig. 1*] in at least two of said units [*functional units 116 of Fig. 1*], and computing instantaneous power consumption inside of the integrated circuit according to the sensed power consumption in said units [*col. 4, lines 18-34*]; and

regulating said voltage according to the measured instantaneous power [*col. 4, lines 34-36*].

10. Claim 3, Georgiou teaches sensing power consumption in a unit comprises detecting state changes in signals output by said unit [*col. 4, lines 27-30*].

11. Claims 4, 6, 10, 17, Georgiou teaches weighting the power consumption sensed in said units; and adding the weighted power consumption of said units [*col. 4, lines 26-34, col. 6, lines 43-67*].

12. Claims 5, 11-13, Georgiou teaches computing the derivative with respect to time of the measured instantaneous power, and regulating said voltage according to said computed derivative [*col. 4, lines 30-34*].

13. Claim 8, Georgiou teaches said sensor detects state change in signals output by said unit [*col. 4, lines 27-30*].

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14. Claim 9, Georgiou teaches a voltage regulator, said voltage regulator being connected to said circuit and receiving the power consumption computed by power calculation unit [*voltage regulator 330 of Fig. 1 and related disclosure*].

15. Claim 14, Georgiou teaches said sensor detects state change in signals output by said unit [*col. 4, lines 27-30*].

16. Claim 15, Georgiou teaches a voltage regulator, said voltage regulator being connected to said circuit and receiving the power consumption computed by power calculation unit [*voltage regulator 330 of Fig. 1 and related disclosure*].

17. Claim 16, Georgiou teaches a voltage regulator, said voltage regulator being connected to said circuit and receiving the power consumption computed by power calculation unit [*voltage regulator 330 of Fig. 1 and related disclosure*].

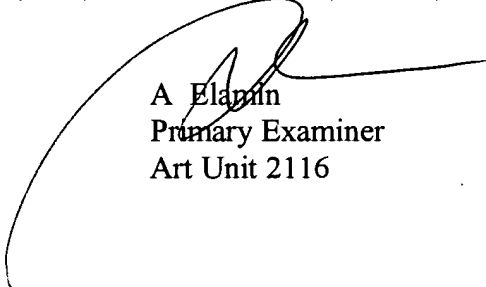
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to A Elamin whose telephone number is (571) 272-3674. The examiner can normally be reached on MON-FRI 9:30 AM - 6:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lynne Browne can be reached on (571) 272-3670. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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